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A Letter From the Chief

One mystery about the now-famous letter that got CIA chief Richard Helms in such trouble with the Senate has been solved—and replaced with another. Helms said an aide had written the letter (praising a St. Louis Globe Democrat editorial that blasted Sen. J. William Fulbright)

and that he had signed it without reading it. The aide was Col. Stanley Grogan, an old CIA hand and the "silent service's" spokesman. The new mystery is how Grogan could have committed such an obvious public-relations gaffe.